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1. The 7th and 8th VP Bereitschaften were stationed in Muehlhausen (M 52/H 89) in June 1950. The 8th VP Bereitschaft was located in the Goerma Kaserne. *
2. The 7th VP Bereitschaft, an artillery unit, was quartered in temporary barracks and new brick buildings of the B-Lager (Bereitschaft camp) near the municipal forest of Muehlhausen.
3. The 7th Bereitschaft with about 750 police was organized into a head-quarters, three Kommandos and one Sonderkommando. The Kommandos consisted of Abteilungen (platoons) of 50 to 60 men, led by a Polizeimeister or a Kommissar. Each Abteilung had three Gruppen (squads). The 4th Kommando (Sonderkommando) was directly subordinate to the CO of the Bereitschaft.
4. The personnel included Lieutenant Colonel Ernst (fnu), CO of the Bereitschaft; Polizeirat Ohl (fnu), CO of the 1st Kommando; Oberkommissar Schuler, (fnu), CO of the 2d Kommando; Polizeirat Becker (fnu), CO of the 3rd Kommando; Polizeimeister Sternkopf (fnu), platoon leader in the 3rd Kommando; Oberwachtmeister Vollandt (fnu), squad leader in Sternkopf's platoon; Kommissar Sozinski (fnu), PK-Leiter of the 3rd Kommando; and Hauptwachtmeister Morawitz (fnu), PK-Leiter in Sternkopf's platoon. A Soviet adviser (Sovietnik) with the rank of Oberpolizeirat was attached to the Bereitschaft and dealt exclusively with the CO.
5. The armament of the 7th VP Bereitschaft included three German medium howitzers of the sFH-18 type, five guns of a smaller caliber, allegedly 88-mm guns, one model 34 machine gun per squad, an unknown number of model 44, submachine guns, and carbines. All artillery pieces were unserviceable, the howitzers having only wooden practice shells. The sub-machine guns were stored and were to be distributed only in case of alert, and then only to specific personnel. The carbines were issued for infantry training. **

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6. The 1st Kommando received training with the 88-mm guns and later received indoctrination on artillery surveying. The 2d and 3rd Kommandos were trained with type sFH-18 howitzers. The 4th Kommando (Sonderkommando) was engaged in unknown training outside the billeting area.
7. Five hundred and thirty-seven police of the 7th VP Bereitschaft had been delegated to the Berlin Whitsun (28 May 1950) rally of the FDJ. They left, unarmed, on 14 trucks on Thursday and Friday preceding the Whitsun holidays and were among the 5,000 police who assembled at Schlesischer Bahnhof, Berlin, at 8:30 a.m. on Whitsun. After taking part in several demonstrations on that day, they stayed in a tent camp in the Berlin Schlosspark until the following Thursday when they returned to Muehlhausen. During their stay in Berlin the policemen wore khaki-colored shirts and ties.

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* [] Comment. The 7th VP Bereitschaft (Arty) and the 8th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) are known to be stationed in Muehlhausen. []

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** [] Comment. It is possible that the police received training with 150-mm heavy field howitzers, model sFH-18. The 88-mm guns may have been a 1943 model of the 88-mm AT guns. Field guns of that caliber did not exist in the German Armed Forces.

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